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1. SUMMARY: APRART FROM PREDICTABLE CARPING FROM LEFT, CLIFFORD
MISSION CREATED FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY,
SUSTAINED THE ATMOSPHERE OF OPTIMISM GENERATED BY MAKARIOS-
DENKTASH TALKS AND IMPRESSED MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS WITH AMERICA'S
DESIRE TO ASSIST ALL PARTIES IN CYPRUS PROBLEM TO WORK FOR A
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JUST, VIABLE SOLUTION. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES TELEPHONED
AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING MISSION'S DEPARTURE FEBRUARY 26 TO
CONVEY GOC'S PROFOUND SATISFACTION OVER CONTACTS WITH
MISSION AND ITS RESULTS. GOC SPOKESMAN, PUBLICLY
REFLECTING GOC REACTION, CALLED MISSION VALUABLE CONTRI-
BUTION TO AN EARLY JUST SOLUTION. TURKISH REACTION HAS
BEEN AMBIVALENT, WARY AND MEASURED. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR FACTOR IN REACTION IN THE SOUTH IS EXTREMELY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION SECRETARY CLIFFORD MADE ON GREEK CYPRIOT PUBLIC WITH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, WITH HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FEB. 25 PRESS CONFERENCE CARRIED ON CBC THAT EVENING. AFTER WATCHING TV BROADCAST, COUNSELOR AT FOREIGN MINISTRY REMARKED TO EMBOFF THAT CLIFFORD "IS A DIPLOMAT IN VERY BEST SENSE OF THE WORD, BALANCED, FORTHRIGHT, SINCERE." GREEK CYPRIOTS APPEAR TO CONSIDER CLIFFORD MISSION, COMING ONLY SHORT TIME AFTER MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETINGS AND WALDHEIM VISIT, AS FURTHER WELCOME EVIDENCE THAT THE FUTURE PORTENDS SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT TOWARDS SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. AMERICAN CONCERN FOR AND PRIORITY ASSIGNED TO CYPRUS AS EXAMPLIFIED BY THE MISSION HAS PLEASED MOST GREEK CYPRIOTS WHOSE INITIAL FEARS THAT THE U.S. MIGHT BE IMPOSING A PLAN OR SUPERCEDING UN EFFORTS WERE LAID TO REST BY MR. CLIFFORD.

3. LOCAL PRESS OVER WEEKEND ASSUMED EDITORIALY PREDICTABLE PARTY POSITIONS. GOC-RELATED PAPERS HAVE CONDEMNED EXCESSIVE OPTIMISM OR PESSIMISM, CALLING ON GREEK CYPRIOTS TO PATIENTLY AWAIT RESULTS OF MISSION'S WORK BUT MEANWHILE TO STRIVE TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR A FAVORABLE SOLUTION. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS POINTEDLY CALLED ON PRESIDENT CARTER TO HONOR HIS CAMPAIGN PLEDGES WHEN HE READS CONCLUSIONS OF MISSION'S REPORT. PRO-CLERIDES PAPERS ATTACKED LEFTIST PRESS FOR BEING CRITICAL OF MISSION, CREATING AN ARTIFICIAL CLIMATE OF PESSIMISM, UNHELPFUL TO CYPRIOT CAUSE, CREATING MISTAKEN IMPRESSION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. LEFTIST PRESS TREATMENT HAS BEEN DOWN-BEAT AND SOUR GRAPES, REFUSING TO IDENTIFY WITH MISSION'S EFFORTS. (COMMUNIST LEADER PAPAIOANNOU AND EDEK'S LYSSARIDES WERE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM FORMIN CHRISTOPHIDES' RECEPTION FOR CLIFFORD MISSION FEB 24.) COMMUNIST PAPERS WHILE BALMING DENKTASH FOR DESTROYING OPTIMISTIC ATMOSPHERE WITH BELLIGERENT STATEMENTS, HAS WARNED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE HAD BITTER EXPERIENCE WITH HONEYED WORDS AND HAS CHALLENGED PRESIDENT CARTER TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SINCERITY WITH DEEDS. PSEUDO-SOCIALIST LYSSARIDES PRESS WHICH CLAIMED CLIFFORD MISSION WAS PUTTING "UNBEARABLE" PRESSURE ON GOC WAS ANSWERED BY GOC SPOKESMAN FEB 25, WHO STATED THAT "NO PRESSURE WHATSOEVER WAS EXERTED AND THAT THE (NEWS) REPORT IN QUESTION IN NO WAY CORRESPONDS TO REALITY." SPOKESMAN TERMED MISSION "VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO AN EARLY, JUST SOLUTION." UNABASHED PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA RETURNED FEB 27 TO CLAIM THAT CLIFFORD PRESS CONFERENCE HAD CONFIRMED PAPER'S BELIEF IN "NEED TO CREATE THE PREREQUISITES FOR A LONG STRUGGLE."

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5. TURKISH CYPRIOT REACTIONS TO CLIFFORD MISSION HAVE BEEN AM-BIVALENT, WARY, AND MEASURED. DENKTASH, ALWAYS HAPPY TO EXPLAIN "CYPRUS REALITIES" BUT CONVINCED THAT US INVOLVEMENT SIMPLY ENCOURAGES GREEK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE AND UNREALISTIC HOPES, PRO-NOUNCED HIMSELF SATISFIED WITH CLIFFORD'S "FRIENDLY AND IMPARTIAL" UNDERSTANDING AND STATED THAT HIS EARLIER WORRIES ABOUT NATURE OF CLIFFORD MISSION HAD BEEN REMOVED FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING. PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN CHIMED IN FEBRUARY 28, TERMING VISIT "VERY HELPFUL" IN EXPOSING GREEK CYPRIOT "LIES, BRUTALITY, AND AMBITIONS", AND NOTING WITH IMPLICIT RELIEF THAT CLIFFORDS MISSION'S ONLY AIM WAS TO REVIEW CYPRUS SITUATION ON THE SPOT AND SUBMIT A REPORT. "TFSC" SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IMPORTANCE

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OF VISIT WAS THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH CLIFFORD, "HAS SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD" REALITIES OF PAST TURKISH SUFFERING AND NEED FOR SETTLEMENT SAFEGUARDING TURKISH SECURITY. LOCAL TURKISH POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY PLEASED BY CLIFFORD'S STATEMENT THAT US IS NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE GUARANTEES REGARDING CYPRUS.

6. ON DEBIT SIDE, THERE REMAINS A GOOD DEAL OF SKEPTICISM AND SOME GROUNDING OVER THE VISIT. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS, IN VARIOUS OPINION COLUMNS, HAD WONDERED WHETHER CLIFFORD WOULD CONVEY HIS IMPRESSIONS IN AN IMPARTIAL WAY (THUS IMPLYING THAT HE MIGHT NOT), COMPLAINED THAT CLIFFORD HAD SPENT DISPROPORTIONATE TIME ON GREEK SIDE, AND REPEATEDLY EXHORTED THAT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT MERELY ENCOURAGES GREEK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE. A DENKTASH DEPUTY, ECHOING DENKTASH'S OWN NOT VERY PRIVATE MISGIVINGS AS WELL AS SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED LAST WEEK BY "TFSC" PRIME MINISTER KONUK, SAID DURING FEBRUARY 25 ASSEMBLY MEETING THAT CLIFFORD VISIT WAS "UNFORTUNATE" AND HAD SHAKEN HOPES FOR A SETTLEMENT. FINALLY, "TFSC" ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT OREK GENTLY CHIDED CLIFFORD BY RHETORICALLY ASKING IN ASSEMBLY WHY CLIFFORD HAD CALLED ON GREEK CYPRIOT BUT NOT TURKISH HOUSE PRESIDENT. CRAWFORD

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